State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 came in force in the year 1985. According to the section 37 of the Act, Chairman/ President of a Multi State Cooperative Society can hold office for two consecutive terms. However, the Central Government vide Notification No.R-11017/2/90-L&M dated 25-5-95 exempted All India Handloom Fabrics and Marketing Cooperative Societies under Section 99 of the said Act from the application of Section 37 of Act. The President, All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Societies Ltd. is holding office by virtue of this exemption.

(b) Chairman/President of a Multi State Cooperative Society can hold office for two consecutive terms (one term being 3 years).

(c) Complaints have been received regarding the purchase policy of the all India Handloom Fabrics Society. These are being examined.

(d) Since inception, the Society has not been keeping separate head of account with regard to the court cases alone but these are clubbed under the Head of 'Professional Fees and Legal 'Expenses' A total amount of Rs. 36.02 lakhs has been spent by the society from 1983-84 to 1993-94 under this Head.

(e) The procurement policy of the society envisages promotion and encouragement of its member cooperative societies and render best possible marketing services to them. As reported by the society, the procurement of goods for all Handloom Houses are almost 100% from the Cooperative Societies. The society has reported that procurement is presently being made through their eight zonal procurement centres located all-over the country. The society has set up a number of Production Centres where weavers are adopted for production of quality goods. A number of Cooperative Societies have been associated for taking up of production for exports as per the required standards.

As regards recruitment, promotion etc. of employees, the power is vested in the Executive Committee. The candidate belonging to the weavers community are eligible for preference in the matter of recruitment. In the matters of promotion, merit-cum-seniority is the criteria for consideration for promotion.

(f) As per the information readily available with the society, the President of the society has undertaken three journeys abroad during 1987-88 to 1993-94 for which a total expenditure of Rs.3,77,229-00 has been incurred by the society. No separate records have been maintained by the society against expenditure on TA/DA incurred on domestic travels of the President of the Society.

(g) The Society has reported that a minor penalty by stoppage of annual increments and issue of warning has been imposed on the General Secretary of the Delhi Unit of Staff Union on charges of misconduct after a departmental enquiry conducted by the management of the society.

Trade Sanctions by US Against Import of Indian Carpets

2829. Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of US Government's persistent efforts to impose trade sanctions against import of Indian carpets because it employes child labour; and

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government to reassure USA against this move as such a ban would badly hit the carpet industry?

THE MINISTERY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir. However private member's bills have been moved in the U.S. Congress for prohibition of import of products made by the use of child labour. The said bills

are neither country specific nor product specific.

(b) Does no arise.

Reservation of Articles for Exclusive Production by Handlooms

2830. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what specific steps have been taken to reserve class of articles for exclusive production by handlooms together with the names of articles or class of articles and estimated quantity of production of such articles;

(b) what is the number of meetings held by the Advisory Committee constituted under the Handloom Act, 1985 and

(d) what are the details of the important recommendations which have been made by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI C. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) From time to time, government have sonstituted Advisory Committee under Section 4 of the Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985, to advise on the nature of article or class of articles that may be reserved for exclusive production by handlooms.

Presently, 22 textile articles are reserved for exclusive production by handlooms, notified vide notification dated 4.8.86. A list of reserved articles is annexed as Statement (*See* below)

The Act and the Orders issued thereunder were stayed w.e.f 30.11.87 which has now been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) Following the verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, an Advisory Committee has been constituted vide notification dated 18.8.93. The first meeting of the re-constituted Committee was convened on 18.10.93. The Committee is yet to finalise its recommendations.

Statement

List items reserved for Production by Handlooms

Sl. No.	Name of items
1.	Saree
2.	Kotah Doria Saree
3.	Tie & Dye Saree and Material
4.	Dhoti
5.	Gamcha & Angavastram
6.	Lungi
7.	Shirtings
8.	Crepe Fabrics
9.	Towels
10.	Khes, Bed Sheet, Bed cover, Counter Pane & Furnishing
11.	Table Cloth, Table Mat & Napkin's
12.	Duster & Basta
13.	Chaddar
14.	Jamakkalam Durry or Durret
15.	Bukram Cloth
16.	Mashru Cloth
17.	Low Reed Pick Cloth
18.	Silk
19.	Kambal or Kamblies
20.	Barrak Blankets
21.	Shawl, Loi, Mufflers, Pankhi, etc.
22.	Woollen Tweed

नियंत्रित दर वाले कपड़े की आपूर्ति

2831. **श्री नागमणि:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की मिलों द्वारा नियंत्रित दर वाला कपड़ा उपलब्ध कराया जाता है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि काफी दिनों से नियंत्रित दर वाली दुकानों को यह कपड़ा उपलब्ध नहीं कराया जाता रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसे मामले में नए लाइसेंस जारी करने का क्या औचित्य है; और